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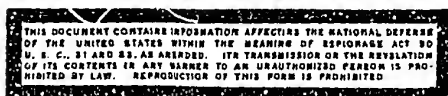
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According to the new statutes for consumers' cooperatives and rayon cooperative unions accepted by the third regular congress of the Central Cooperative Union, held between 15 and 17 April 1952, rural cooperative will no longer be called 'vsestranska' (general) but selkoop (selska potrebitelna kooperatsiya, rural consumers' cooperatives). Such cooperatives supply goods to farm workers and purchase their agricultural production.

Under the new statutes for the rural cooperatives, new members of the cooperatives are not directly accepted nor are others excluded by the administrative councils of the cooperatives but by general assemblies, on the recommendation of the administrative councils.

No urban cooperatives will in the future be called "gradska vsestranska" (urban general) but narkoop (gradska potrebitelna kooperatsiya, urban consumers' cooperatives). Urban cooperatives located in agricultural areas will, in the future, also purchase agricultural products.

RKS or raykoop (rayonen kooperativen suyuz, rayon cooperative unions) unite cooperatives (both selkoop and narkoop) in their respective rayons and supervise their functions, which include the purchasing of agricultural products. Under the old statute, the RKS was governed by an administrative council and by a council of directors. Under the new statute, an administration consisting of five to seven persons is the executive organ of the RKS. This administration is responsible to the TsKS (Tsentralen kooperativen suyuz, Central Cooperative Union) for all activities of its RKS. The chairman and the members of the administration are chosen by the general assembly of plenipotentiaries of the RKS. These plenipotentiaries are elected by secret ballot by the general assemblies of cooperatives or by assemblies of plenipotentiaries from cooperatives with 300 or more members. The plenipotentiaries constituting the general assembly of the RKS are elected for a one-year term.

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